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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 3, 2004, for which a response was due on September 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 3, 2004. As October 3, 2004 is a Sunday, this response is believed timely filed on the next business day, October 4, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Also included herewith are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Substitute specification

Exhibit B: Foster-Cuevas et al., J. Virol. 78:7667-76 (2004).

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